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1. SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, CHAIRED BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLES VANIK, HELD HEARINGS MAY 22 ON PROPOSALS, INCLUDING SENATE PASSED BENTSEN BILL (HR5052), TO AMEND MEAT IMPORT ACT OF 1964. ADMINISTRATION, (STATE, USDA, STR, COUNCIL ON WAGE AND PRICE STABILITY, AND WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR CONSUM:R AFFAIRS), TESTIFIED IN OPPOSITION TO COUNTER-CYCLICAL LEGISLATION AND OTHER PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD IN VARIOUS BILLS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE LABELLING OF IMPORTED MEAT, QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON PREPARED AND PRESERVED BEEF IMPORTS, LIVE CATTLE QUOTAS, AND R:VISION OF MEAT INSPECTION PROCEDURES.

2. ADMINISTRATION OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BASED ON BELIEF THEY ARE:1)INCONSISTENT WITH OUR BASIC TRADE POLICY AND THEREBY UNDERCUT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MORE LIBERAL TRADING ENVIRONMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS; 2) UNNECESSARY IN THAT THEIR IMPL:MENTATION WOULD NOT GIVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED INCOME TO U.S. CATTLEMEN; 3) REDUNDANT PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED SANITARY AND LABELLING CHANGES; 4) LIKELY TO

PROVOKE RETALIATION FROM SUPPLYING COUNTRIES; 5) DETRIMENTAL TO CONSUMER INTERESTS; AND 6) UNDULY RIGID AND THUS LIMIT PRESIDENT'S ABILITY TO RESPOND TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES. --
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3. APPROXIMATELY 33 WITNESSES TESTIFIED AT MAY 22 HEARING. AN ADDITIONAL 20-25 WITNESSES, REPRESENTING CATTLEMEN, MEAT IMPORTERS, AND CONSUMER GROUPS ARE STILL TO TESTIFY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE PLANS AN ADDITIONAL DAY OF HEARINGS BUT NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SELECTED. FOLLOWING THIS SUBCOMMITTEE WILL MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOS:D LEGISLATION INCLUDING HR 5052. TENOR OF QUESTIONING AT HEARING WAS PREDICTABLE. CHAIRMAN VANIK INTERESTED, FOR MOST PART, IN POSSIBLE INFLATIONARY IMPACT OF PROPOSALS. AT SAME TIME, OTHER CONGRESSMEN INDICATED CONCERN FOR CATTLEMEN AND THEIR ECONOMIC WELL BEING. POSTS WILL BE KEPT APPRISED OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS HR 5052 AND OTHER AMENDMENTS TO MEAT IMPORT ACT. CHRISTOPHER

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